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Town of Easton, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 1978

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EASTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR
Thomas Pancoast

TOWN CLERK
Virginia Leighton

TREASURER
Margaret Whitcomb

SELECTMEN
Joel McKenzie - 1979
Kathleen Pancoast - 1980
Roderick Glover - 1981

SUPERVISORS
Fontelle Silver - 1984
Helen Soper - 1981
Connie Dyer - 1980

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Trina Osher

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Patty Clark - 1979
Ruth Towne - 1980
Margaret Whitcomb - 1981

CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Ruth Towne - 1979
Wendell Silver - 1980
Helen Young - 1981

TAX COLLECTOR
Fontelle Silver

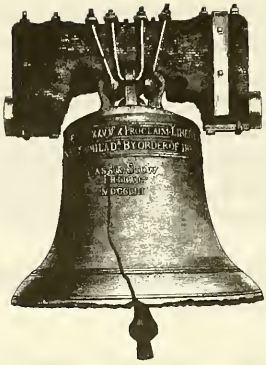
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS
John Jerome

POLICE OFFICER
Wendell Silver

AUDITOR
Patty Clark

PLANNING BOARD
Kathleen Pancoast - 1980 (ex officio)
Dean Clark - 1979
Jack Kenney - 1981
Jerry Coogan - 1979 resigned

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Dean Clark - 1979
Dennis Ford - 1980
Ion Whitcomb - 1981
Harold Klumbach - 1982
John Sykes - 1983



TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 13, at 7:30 in the evening. Polls will be open from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid:

Town's Share	$ 58.58
State Share	390.52

and raise money for same.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen and other Town Officers an annual salary during the current year in accordance with the following schedule, and to raise and appropriate money for same:

Chairman, Board of Selectmen	400.00
Selectman	300.00
Selectman	300.00
Tax Collector	200.00
Town Clerk	200.00
Treasurer	200.00
Auditor	50.00

If approved, it is understood that the Selectmen and other officers will receive no fees or any other compensation for their services except the usual and necessary expenses incurred by them in connection with their official duties, except the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to indemnify and save harmless its officers and employees from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to or destruction of property, if the indemnified person at the time of such act or omission was acting within the scope of his employment or office, pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 31:105.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase indemnity insurance.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money for defraying town charges in anticipation of taxes, if necessary.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $290.96 to the White Mountains Region Association.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $185.00 to the North Country Home Health Agency and $185.00 to the White Mountain Mental Health Center.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $170.00 as the Town's share for operation of the North Country Council.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the Littleton Hospital Association.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $450.00 for the Easton-Sugar Hill-Franconia Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the Franconia Recreation Program.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to make pro rata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon:

Appropriation	Amount
Town Dump	$1,976.97

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 to buy fire protection from the Towns of Franconia and Sugar Hill for structural fires.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to fight forest fires, and if it is not used for this purpose, to set aside this $500.00 in a general equipment fund for future use.

ARTICLE 16. To see what action the Town wishes to take with regard to tax mapping.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town wishes to empower the Planning Board to adopt Subdivision Regulations pursuant to RSA 36:21.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept Gingerbread Village Roads (so-called) as town roads.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept Ellsworth Lane (so-called) in Easton Valley Estates as a town road.

ARTICLE 20. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as is stated in the proposed budget for repairs to the Town highways and bridges, general expenses of highways, snow removal, maintenance of the Town building, officers' salaries and expenses and other Town charges.

ARTICLE 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Kathleen G. Pancoast
Roderick K. Glover
Joel C. McKenzie

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen have worked primarily on tax maps, fire protection and Town Hall improvements during 1978. The issue of tax maps will be resolved in March when three proposals will be presented for townspeople to choose among and vote on. An informational meeting was held in January so that interested townspeople would have an opportunity to learn what tax maps are and why we need one, and have the chance to meet at least one of the tax mappers whose proposals will be considered at Town Meeting.

While the Selectmen met with the Selectmen of Franconia and Sugar Hill to discuss fire protection, the Easton Fire Committee looked into our town's needs and assessed our capabilities to provide fire protection. Townspeople who volunteered to work on this committee included Rob Richter, Stan Truman, Chris Jerome, Pat Coogan, Wendell Silver, Jim Fox, Ed Gordon and Ray Bilodeau.

We wish to thank them for the time and effort they spent looking into alternative plans and coming up with the facts of what we can and cannot do in a town of our size. Based on the information and advice which they provided us and our talks with the other two towns, we worked out a proposed contract among the three towns which will be presented at Town Meetings and voted on by the townspeople of Easton, Franconia and Sugar Hill.

In the interest of keeping our town beautiful, lots of people turned out to help on a few different projects. The Conservation Commission sponsored a roadside clean-up day in May which was a huge success, and the Kinsman Valley Club sponsored a potluck supper that evening so we could all relax and enjoy the feeling of a job well done.

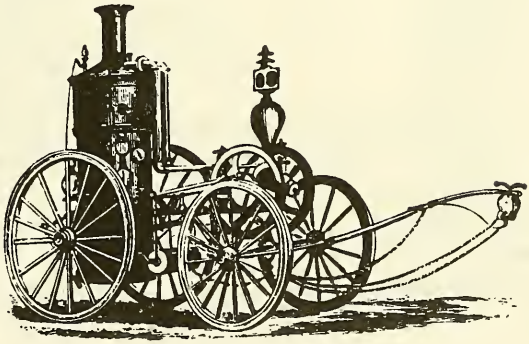
Later in the summer and early fall, people turned out to put a new roof on the back part of the Town Hall. The crews included Doug Amsbary, Bob Glover, Hank Dane, Jerry Coogan, Joel McKenzie and Tad Glover. The men worked hard on the roof, the Kinsman Valley Club fed everyone, and the job was completed before cold weather set in. Jim Fox and Tad Glover fixed the back door of the Town Hall, and Roger and Theresa Glover mowed the field. We saved our town a considerable amount of money in the process, and we all enjoyed the chance to work together. We are now considering drawing up a Master Plan for the Town Hall to make better use of the space and to permit easier access for the elderly and the handicapped.

Finally, we are pleased to report that, unlike every other town we have heard about in the North Country, our tax rate went down instead of up this year. We hope to continue in this fine tradition.

Kathleen G. Pancoast, Chairman
Roderick K. Glover
Joel C. McKenzie

INVENTORY OF 1978

Land	$1,008,099.00
Buildings	1,648,802.00
Electric Power Lines	159,400.00
Mature Wood & Timber	2,800.00
Mobile Homes & Trailers	11,350.00
Total Gross Valuation	$2,830,451.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	$2,830,451.00
Less Veterans' Exemptions	650.00
Property Tax	$ 48,317.00
Residence Tax	1,000.00
Yield Tax	2,051.00
Bank Stock Taxes	2.70
Total Taxes for Collection	$ 51,370.70



LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and Land	$ 55,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Library and Equipment	1,500.00
Town Equipment	1,150.00
Total	$ 59,650.00

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

This is to certify that I have audited the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Library Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds and Cemetery Committee for the year 1978. I have found all accounts, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and in proper order.

Patricia Clark
Auditor
February 8, 1979

REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT
Revenue Sharing Fund

Available Funds, January 1, 1978	$ 803.52
Added Revenue	
Entitlement Payments	1,096.00
Interest	77.45
Total Available Funds	$ 1,976.97
Less Expenditures	
General Maintenance	- 0 -
Less Appropriations	- 0 -
Total Available Funds, December 31, 1978	$ 1,976.97

Patricia Clark, Auditor
January 29, 1979

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1979
Compared with those in 1978

	1978	1979
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,650.00	$ 1,650.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00	2,100.00
Election & Registration	400.00	700.00
Town Hall Utilities & Expenses	1,500.00	1,750.00
Insurance	1,500.00	2,400.00
Police Department*	1,700.00	700.00
Fire Department	2,000.00	3,500.00
Health Officer	5.00	5.00
Dump	3,500.00	3,500.00
Road Maintenance, Summer & Winter	6,000.00	6,500.00
TRA	51.53	58.58
Library	150.00	200.00
Public Welfare	50.00	50.00
Town Cemetery	400.00	400.00
Abatements	-0-	200.00
Chamber of Commerce	250.00	450.00
Advertising & Legal Fees	562.00	750.00
White Mountain Mental Health Center	185.00	185.00
North Country Home Health Agency	185.00	185.00
North Country Council	159.00	170.00
Franconia Recreation Committee	400.00	500.00
Easton Conservation Commission	168.00	25.00
White Mountains Region Association	-0-	290.96
Littleton Hospital Association	500.00	500.00
Property Assessing	250.00	250.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	100.00	100.00
Tax Map	1,500.00	1,500.00
	$25,215.53	$28,619.54

Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing year, January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979 compared with the estimated and actual revenue of the previous year, January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	ESTIMATED 1978	ACTUAL 1978	ESTIMATED 1979
From Local Taxes:			
Resident Taxes	$ 1,200.00	$ 950.00	$ 1,000.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.50	3.00	2.50
Yield Taxes	2,000.00	2,405.70	2,000.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	-0-	26.77	-0-
Resident Tax Penalties	-0-	7.00	-0-
Inventory Penalties	-0-	190.08	-0-
From State:			
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,000.00	1,065.56	1,000.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	500.00	382.53	300.00
Savings Bank Tax	100.00	47.57	50.00
Highway Subsidy	1,300.00	1,293.94	1,200.00
National Forest Reserve	4,515.99	4,515.99	4,000.00
Reimbursement-State-Federal Forest Land	-0-	448.97	-0-
Business Profits Tax	15.00	17.60	15.00

TOWN OF EASTON

Estimates of Expenditures for the ensuing year, January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979, compared with the actual Expenditures and Appropriations of the past year January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978.

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	ESTIMATED 1978	ACTUAL 1978	ESTIMATED 1979
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,650.00	$ 1,497.02	$ 1,650.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00	2,035.64	2,100.00
Election & Registration	450.00	710.15	700.00
Town Hall & Other Buildings	1,500.00	1,591.66	1,750.00
Reappraisal of Property	250.00	250.00	250.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	1,700.00	144.89	700.00
Fire Department, inc. Forest Fires	2,000.00	2,739.55	3,500.00
Insurance	1,500.00	448.00	2,400.00
Conservation Commission	168.00	168.00	25.00
Health Department:			
Health Dept.-Hospital-Ambulance	5.00	10.00	5.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	3,500.00	2,179.61	3,500.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Road Aid	51.53	51.53	58.58
Town Maintenance	6,000.00	5,324.84	6,500.00
Libraries:			
Library	150.00	150.00	200.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	50.00	-0-	50.00

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:			
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	4,000.00	5,627.50	5,000.00
Dog Licenses	70.00	113.00	100.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	10.00	24.00	10.00
Rent of Town Property	200.00	30.00	-0-
Income from Departments	-0-	176.71	-0-
Surplus	5,000.00	39,651.99	6,000.00
Town Maps	-0-	3.00	-0-
Refunds	-0-	81.15	-0-
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:			
Revenue Sharing Fund	2,600.00	1,096.00	1,900.00
U.S. Entitlement Lands	-0-	4,008.00	-0-
Total Revenues and Credits	$22,513.49	$62,166.06	$22,577.50

Recreation:			
Franconia Recreation Comm.	400.00	400.00	500.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	400.00	280.50	400.00
Unclassified:			
Damages & Legal Expenses	562.00	39.70	750.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	1,279.00	1,279.00	1,780.96
Debt Service:			
Interest on Temporary Loans	100.00	-0-	100.00
Capital Outlay:			
Abatements	-0-	110.38	200.00
Tax Map	1,500.00	-0-	1,500.00
Total Appropriations	$25,215.53	$19,410.47	$28,619.54

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Cash Balance on Hand as of December 31, 1978	$39,651.99
Yield Taxes Uncollected	986.10
Capital Reserve Fund	2,296.45
Revenue Sharing Fund	1,976.97
Kitchen Fund	1,065.06
Total Assets	$45,976.57

LIABILITIES

Capital Reserve Fund (to offset Assets above)	$ 2,296.45
Revenue Sharing Fund (to offset Assets above)	1,976.97
Kitchen Fund (to offset Assets above)	1,065.06
Total Liabilities	$ 5,338.48
Excess Assets	$40,638.09

Tax Rate: One $100.00 valuation is $1.73

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1978

1978 Auto Permits - 199	$ 5,622.50
1978 Dog Licenses - 23	113.00
Town Maps Sold - 2	3.00
Filing Fees	10.00
Town History	3.00
Paid to Town Treasurer	$ 5,756.50

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Leighton
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT
1978

Cash Balance on Hand, January 1, 1978	$ 30,521.95
Fontelle A. Silver, Tax Collector	54,049.68
Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk	5,756.50
Selectmen of Easton-7 gun permits @ $2.00	14.00
Refunds:	
Lafayette Bank	6.85
Hunkins & Eaton Insurance Agency	70.00
Town Hall Rental	30.00
Miscellaneous:	
Transfer from Kitchen Fund Account to Checking Account	170.71
Transfer from Closed out Timber Tax Account to Checking Account	1,380.43
Xeroxing reports of Town Meetings for Moulton, Smith & Samaha	4.30
State of New Hampshire Revenues:	
Bank Tax	47.57
Business Profits Tax	17.60
Interest & Dividends Tax	382.53
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,065.56
Highway Subsidy	1,293.94
White Mountain National Forest	4,515.99
State & Federal Forest Lands	448.97
United States Treasury Revenues:	
U.S. Entitlement Lands	4,008.00
Revenue Shares-Deposited in Savings Account, Littleton Savings Bank	1,096.00
	$104,880.58
Paid on Account of 165 Selectmen's Orders	65,228.59
Balance on Hand in Checking Account, January 1, 1979	$ 39,651.99
Littleton Savings Bank Accounts, Including Interest January 1, 1979	3,042.03
Total Assets	$ 42,694.02

LITTLETON SAVINGS BANK
1978 Savings Accounts

Account Funds	Balance 1/1/78	Interest 1978	Deposits 1978	With-drawals 1978	Balance 12/31/78
Kitchen	$1,177.50	$ 58.27	$	$ 170.71	$1,065.06
Revenue Sharing	803.52	77.45	1,096.00		1,976.97
Timber Tax	2,700.28	60.46		2,760.74	
	$4,681.30	$196.18	$1,096.00	$2,931.45	$3,042.03

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1978

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	$ 48,580.99	
Resident Taxes	950.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	3.00	
Total Warrants		$ 49,533.99
Yield Taxes		2,405.70
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	$ 238.54	
Resident Taxes	140.00	
Yield Taxes	543.12	
		921.66
Overpayments During Year:		
a/c Property Taxes		30.33
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		26.77
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		7.00
Total Debits		$ 52,925.45

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$ 46,811.30	
Resident Taxes	950.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	3.00	
Yield Taxes	2,405.70	
Interest Collected	26.77	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	7.00	
		$ 50,203.77
Abatements Made During Year:		
Property Taxes	$ 90.38	
Resident Taxes	20.00	
		110.38
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1978:		
(As Per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	$ 1,948.18	
Resident Taxes	120.00	
Yield Taxes	543.12	
		2,611.30
Total Credits		$ 52,925.45

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1977

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1978:		
Property Taxes	$ 2,414.91	
Resident Taxes	210.00	
		$ 2,624.91
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes		1,287.44
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		66.56
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		7.00
Total Debits		$ 3,985.91

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1978:		
Property Taxes	$ 3,702.35	
Resident Taxes	70.00	
Interest Collected During Year	66.56	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	7.00	
		$ 3,845.91
Abatements Made During Year:		
Resident Taxes		140.00
Total Credits		$ 3,985.91

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1976

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1978:		
Yield Taxes	$ 442.98	
Total Debits		$ 442.98

CREDITS

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1978:		
(As Per Collector's List)		
Yield Taxes	$ 442.98	
Total Credits		$ 442.98

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - Levy of 1978

Property Taxes:	
Fernald G. Aiken, Sr.	$ 35.95
Fernald G. Aiken, Jr.	61.90
Ralph Brooks	51.90
Frank Buxton	422.29
*Mrs. Christina Holbrook	16.00
James Fox	263.83
*Heirs of Wilfred Glover	78.14
Roger Glover	361.57
Glenn Kiedaisch	485.44
Daniel Pedicini	31.14
Vincent J. Place	81.31
Joseph Wilcox	58.71
Total	$1,948.18
Resident Taxes:	
Chris Anderson	$ 10.00
James Fisk	10.00
James Fox	10.00
Monica Fox	10.00
Larry Haley	10.00
Dianne Kiedaisch	10.00
Glenn Kiedaisch	10.00
Vincent Place	10.00
John Purinton	10.00
Robert Richter	10.00
Wende Richter	10.00
Lee White	10.00
	$ 120.00

* Paid After December 31, 1978.

Yield Taxes due March 1, 1979, added warrant	
George Ruggles	$ 543.12

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - Levy of 1976

Yield Taxes:

Charles Hodgdon	$ 442.98

I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1978, on account of tax levy of 1978, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Fontelle A. Silver
Tax Collector

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS
1978

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,497.02
Town Officers' Expenses	2,035.64
Election & Registration	710.15
Town Hall Expenses	1,591.66
Police & Fire Protection	2,884.44
Protection of Persons & Property	448.00
Library	150.00
Health Department - 1977 & 1978	10.00
Reappraisal of Property	250.00
Donations, Promotion & Advertising	1,886.70
Solid Waste Disposal	2,179.61
Town Road Maintenance	5,324.84
Payments to State of New Hampshire	60.53
Payments to County - 1977 & 1978 Taxes	16,692.12
Cemetery	280.50
Payments to Schools	28,131.38
Deposits to Savings Accounts	1,096.00
Total Payments	$ 65,228.59

Margaret T. Whitcomb
Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Dennis Ford, Selectman	$ 80.00
Tad Glover, Selectman	220.27
Joel McKenzie, Selectman	220.27
Kathleen Pancoast, Selectman	376.48
Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk	200.00
Margaret Whitcomb, Treasurer	200.00
Fontelle Silver, Tax Collector	200.00
	$ 1,497.02

Detail 2. TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

N.H. Association of Assessing Officials	$ 20.00
Dennis Ford	77.16
Brown & Saltmarsh	234.44
Littleton Office Supply	7.07
Harrison Publishing	653.75
N.H. Tax Collectors Association	17.00
Kathleen Pancoast	33.53
Linda Leighton, Secretary	286.00
Chris Jerome, Secretary	126.57
Courier Printing Co.	12.90
Russell Towne	8.25
Equity Publishing Co.	15.00
Registrar of Deeds	6.13
Red Jacket Inn	80.50
Branham Publishing Co.	12.75
Joel McKenzie	7.79
Virginia Leighton	152.69
Margaret Whitcomb	30.90
Wendell Silver	147.00
Fontelle Silver	106.21
	$ 2,035.64

Detail 3. ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Courier Printing Co.	$ 136.70
Evans Printing Co.	14.00
Harrison Publishing	105.00
Linda Leighton, Supervisor	42.40
Fontelle Silver, Supervisor	93.10
Connie Dyer, Supervisor	31.80
Helen Soper, Supervisor	29.15
Margaret Whitcomb, Ballot Clerk	34.50
Tom Pancoast, Moderator	120.00
Olive Nelson, Ballot Clerk	11.50
Thelma Hubbard, Ballot Clerk	11.50
Karen McKenzie, Ballot Clerk	17.25
Helen Soper, Poll Watcher	11.50
Ruth King, Poll Watcher	23.00
Teresa Glover, Poll Watcher	23.00
Ruth Towne, Poll Watcher	5.75
	$ 710.15

Detail 4. TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Public Service Co.	$ 198.91
New England Telephone	244.23
Franconia Gas	115.35
Wetherbee Oil Co.	444.11
Franconia Hardware	76.18
Ion Whitcomb	170.71
WKG General Contractor	342.17
	$ 1,591.66

Detail 5. POLICE & FIRE PROTECTION

Littleton Office Supply	$ 106.64
Sugar Hill Fire Dept.	132.00
Franconia Fire Dept.	2,570.50
Construction Specialties	35.90
State of New Hampshire	22.00
Pat Coogan	1.15
Damus Champagne	16.25
	$ 2,884.44

Detail 6. PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Hunkins & Eaton (Officers, Blanket Bonds)	$ 281.00
Franconia Insurance (Workmen's Comp. & Library)	167.00
	$ 448.00

Detail 7. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Durand Cooley, Health Officer 1977 & 1978	$ 10.00

Detail 8. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Franconia Solid Waste Transfer Station	$ 2,179.61

Detail 9. TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE

Winter - Robert P. Peckett, III	$ 2,663.00
Summer - Robert P. Peckett, III	756.75
TRA - Robert P. Peckett, III	1,473.75
International Salt	239.89
Twin Mt. Sand & Gravel	90.20
Myra Sherburn	101.25
	$ 5,324.84

Detail 10. LIBRARY	$ 150.00

Detail 11. REAPPRAISAL OF PROPERTY

Maynard G. White	$ 250.00

Detail 12. CEMETERY

William Presby	$ 42.00
Wendell Silver	238.50
	$ 280.50

Detail 13. DONATION & PROMOTION

North Country Home Health Agency	$ 185.00
White Mountain Community Services	185.00
North Country Council	159.00
Easton Conservation Commission	168.00
Littleton Hospital	500.00
Franconia-Easton-Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce	250.00
Franconia Recreation Program	400.00
Courier Printing Co.	39.70
	$ 1,886.70

Detail 14. PAYMENTS TO COUNTY

Grafton County Tax	$ 16,692.12

Detail 15. PAYMENTS TO STATE

Dog Licenses	$ 9.00
TRA	51.53
	$ 60.53

Detail 16. PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

Profile School District	$ 16,516.13
Lafayette School District	11,615.25
	$ 28,131.38

Detail 17. DEPOSITS TO SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Revenue Sharing	$ 1,096.00
TOTAL	$ 65,228.59

PLANNING BOARD

Unfortunately, the Easton Planning Board was not very active during the last year. The major reason for this inactivity was the vote at the 1978 Town Meeting which left the Planning Board without the authority to review proposed subdivisions in Easton. Under state law, our major responsibility is the review of subdivisions, along with the preparation of a community plan. The Town Meeting vote caused some of us to feel that many townspeople questioned the credibility, legitimacy and need for a Planning Board. As a result, after Town Meeting we had only one meeting to approve a longstanding subdivision.

We hope that the opportunity for an elected Planning Board will encourage public-spirited people who have the town's best interests at heart to run for the board and to revive the Planning Board's activities. We have a beautiful and unique quality of environment here in Easton which we hope can be preserved while still providing room for growth through new homes and buildings. We see the need for an active Planning Board which has the cooperation and trust of the townspeople. We hope the election of a Planning Board will enhance its credibility.

Dean Clark
Jack Kenney
Kathleen Pancoast (ex officio)
Gerald Coogan (resigned)

POLICE REPORT
For the year ending December 31, 1978

Requests for Police Services:
12 complaints of general services requestd

Accidents:
Involving motor vehicles--4 reported and processed by this department

Robberies & Break-ins:
6 reported and investigated

Speeding Violations:
Warnings - 5

Dog Complaints:
12 reported and investigated

The police department spent many hours investigating robberies, running after stray dogs and assisting the townspeople, especially the elderly.

Speeding violations by residents continue to be extremely high on Route 116 and side roads. All of us living in this town should set an example by keeping our speed at the minimum to protect the safety of our residents.

I have worked closely with the Sheriff's Department, the State Police and the police departments of Franconia and Sugar Hill in an effort to have better protection for Easton.

The instructions given me by the Selectmen have been followed to the best of my ability.

Respectfully,

Wendell W. Silver
Police Chief

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

There were 10 applications for building permits during the past year; all were approved. One permit was issued for a new dwelling and the remainder were alterations or accessory structures.

On the whole, we found people to be cooperative and understanding when faced with the necessity of obtaining a permit.

One problem that comes up fairly often is the building of woodsheds with respect to Easton's zoning. We have researched the question and concluded that all structures including woodsheds are intended to be controlled and therefore are subject to setback and other restrictions.

We recommend the adoption of building construction codes, particularly those which have a bearing on fire safety and the health of the occupants.

Respectfully submitted,

Roderick K. Glover
Building Inspector

EASTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT - 1978

The Bookmobile visited the Easton Library three times in 1978.

There were 464 books borrowed, 224 fiction, 111 nonfiction, and 102 youth and juvenile.

The complete set of 24 books, "Encyclopedia of Crafts", was purchased with the town's appropriation. A number of paperbacks were donated.

Approximately 150 books were given the library by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffin at the time they moved away. Mr. and Mrs. John Merwin donated 32 books. Four other books were sent to us. There have been 7 books given in memory of Mrs. Sadie Glover. This makes a total of 193 books acquired in 1978.

Thank you to all our friends and patrons.

Number of visitors:	108
Number of readers:	19

Books loaned:	
Adult fiction	260
Adult nonfiction	180
Juvenile fiction	77
Juvenile nonfiction	3
Total	520
Paperbacks & Magazines	9
Total Circulation	529

The library is open from 2 - 4 the first and third Saturday of each month.

Virginia Leighton
Librarian

1978 LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1978	$ 129.19
Town Appropriation	150.00
Total Receipts	$ 279.19

EXPENDITURES

Salary of Librarian	$ 100.00
Library Stamp	.89
Lumber for shelves	2.45
Payment on 24-volume Craft Encyclopedia-1st pay. for 6 mo.	34.02
Total Expenditures	$ 137.36
Balance on hand, January 1, 1979	$ 141.83

Margaret T. Whitcomb
Treasurer & Trustee

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The voters of the Town of Easton appropriated the sum of $400.00 for the care and maintenance of the Kinsman Cemetery. There were three burials this year. These new lots were seeded and cared for as necessary. Flags were placed on sixteen Veterans' graves for Memorial Day. The committee expresses its appreciation to the donor. Many stones were straightened and many lots filled and seeded.

A load of loam was delivered to the cemetery for the purpose of repairing lots and that night someone stole nearly the entire load. It is a shame that we have such a person or persons within our midst.

There were a total of seventeen Trust Funds with John Jerome as Trustee of Trust Funds.

The cemetery looked nice and well cared for all Summer. Anyone having any suggestions or special wishes please contact Mr. Silver, Committee Chairman.

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	$ 400.00
Paid by Cemetery Trust Funds	212.00
Paid by Town	238.50
Balance of Appropriation Not Spent	$ 161.50

EXPENSES

Wendell Silver, Labor	$ 396.00
Wendell Silver, Gas, Oil and Equipment Maintenance	54.50
Total Expenses	$ 450.50

Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery

Wendell W. Silver
Helen Young
John Purinton

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF EASTON
December 31, 1978

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND & PURPOSE OF CREATION	Amt. of Principal	Balance Income Beginning Year	Rate of Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Income End of Year
1916	R. W. Young, for Cemetery Lot Care	$ 100.00	$ 19.01	6-3/4	$ 8.41	$ 7.00	$ 20.42
1922	Peter Kinsman & Bernsley Edwards, for Cemetery Lot Care	100.00	30.88	6-3/4	9.25	8.00	32.13
1954	Florence Pease, for Cemetery Lot Care	200.00	101.14	6-3/4	21.31	20.00	102.45
1966	Whitcomb & Tabbutt, for Cemetery Lot Care	200.00	51.61	6-3/4	17.81	16.00	53.42
1973	John W. & Carrie N. Leigher, for Cemetery Lot Care	100.00	15.12	6-3/4	8.14	7.00	16.26
1973	Russell & Iva Stevens, for Cemetery Lot care	50.00	9.89	6-3/4	4.21	3.00	11.10
1971	Melvin H. & Idamae Bowles, for Cemetery Lot Care	100.00	15.87	6-3/4	8.21	7.00	17.08
1970	Edson M. & Harriet E. Bailey, for Cemetery Lot Care	100.00	17.42	6-3/4	8.30	7.00	18.72
1971	Wm. & Alice G. Muser, for Cemetery Lot Care	100.00	15.27	6-3/4	8.14	7.00	16.41
1970	Raymond W. Whitcomb, for Cemetery Lot Care	200.00	25.21	6-3/4	15.95	14.00	27.16
1947	Arthur Pease, for Cemetery Lot Care	114.00	46.21	6-3/4	11.33	10.00	47.54
1947	Charles A. Young, for Cemetery Lot Care	200.00	48.46	6-3/4	17.61	16.00	50.07
1937	Orin G. Bowles, for Cemetery Lot Care	200.00	153.24	6-3/4	25.02	23.00	155.26
1970	Leighton & Doolin, for Cemetery Lot Care	71.25	27.41	6-3/4	6.97	5.00	29.38
1974	Everett W. Bailey, for Cemetery Lot Care	100.00	13.64	6-3/4	8.03	6.00	15.67
1975	Howard Bonor, for Cemetery Lot Care	100.00	8.96	6-3/4	7.71	6.00	10.67
1973	L. Gerard Paine, for Cemetery Lot Care	750.00	65.05	6-1/2	55.53	50.00	70.58
1945 & 1946	Town of Easton, Capital Reserve Fund	600.00	1,550.01	6-1/2	146.44		1,696.45
	Totals	$ 3,385.25	$ 2,214.40		$ 388.37	$ 212.00	$ 2,390.77

All Trusts are Invested in the Littleton Savings Bank

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Easton's Centennial Committee was formed in 1972 to plan a celebration for the town's 100th birthday in 1976. Since that time, the committee has remained in existence to receive the proceeds from sales of the town's history, Looking Back at Easton. Thanks to a grant from the New Hampshire American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and matching funds from the town, 300 copies were originally printed. These have now been sold.

Early in 1979, the Centennial Committee met and voted to reprint the book, with as many corrections as possible, using the funds it has collected from sales of the book and from sales of postcards also printed for the celebration. Another 300 copies of Looking Back at Easton will be printed, and the committee anticipates that this quantity should last the town a number of years. All proceeds from this book will be turned over to the town's General Fund.

Balance as of January 1, 1978	$ 1,022.10
Deposit	3.00
Interest Earned in 1978	40.10
Balance as of December 31, 1978	$ 1,065.20

Helen K Young
Durand Cooley
Ruth W. Towne
Chris Jerome
Dee Kiedaisch

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

For more than 80 years, a cooperative effort between the State of New Hampshire and local forest fire authorities has created a forest fire prevention and suppression program that is recognized as superior throughout the United States.

Since the first forest fire laws were written in 1895, the state and local community governments have worked together to prevent and combat forest fires.

Today, 249 forest fire wardens and more than 1,800 deputy wardens are appointed every three years by the State Forester to work with the members of the State Forest Fire staff in this effort. State funds are used to pay one-half the cost of forest fire suppression costs incurred by local forest fire organizations, within pay rates established by the Governor and Council. State funds matched by local funds are used to purchase hand tools to suppress forest fires, to train local forest fire crews and in forest fire prevention work.

All outside burning, when the ground is not covered with snow, is permitted only after obtaining a written fire permit from your local Forest Fire Warden. Penalty for burning without a permit when one is required is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to $1,000 or a jail term of up to one year or both.

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

1978 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres Burned
State	1,433	460
District	37	20.2
Town	0	0

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF
John Q. Richard
Canaan, New Hamsphire

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Durand B. Cooley
Easton, New Hampshire

MARRIAGES -- 1978

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Name of Parents	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
September 16, 1978 Easton, N.H.	Richard R. Ward Linda J. Leighton	Franconia, N.H. Easton, N.H.	Elwood Ward Eileen McCarthy Thelma Leighton	Rev. William Briggs Franconia, N.H. Clergyman

BIRTHS --1978

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
August 9, 1978	Justin Fox	M	James M. Fox	Monika H. Fritz	R.I.	West Germany

DEATHS -- 1978

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Sex	Occupation	Name of Father	Name of Mother
July 9, 1978	Sadie N. Glover	82	F	Housewife	Daniel Noyes	Lillian Bolton